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FRANKLIN COUNTY

NEWSLETTER #2

JUNE 2006

2006 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The Franklin County Farm Service Agency Office will begin accepting nominations for candidates to serve on the Farm Service Agency County Committee representing **LAA-3** (Dunn, Harris and Youngsville Townships) on **June 15, 2006 through August 1, 2006**. Enclosed with this newsletter is a FSA-669A (Nomination Form for County FSA Committee Election). Individuals who want to file FSA-669 A's may nominate themselves or may nominate another eligible candidate. Organizations representing socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers may nominate any eligible candidate. An eligible voter is an individual that is of legal voting age with an interest in a farm or ranch or if not of legal age then the individual must supervise and conduct the farming operations for the entire farm and must be eligible to participate in any FSA program that is provided for by law. In addition, an individual may only vote in his or her designated LAA. The election of responsible agricultural producers to the FSA County Committee is important to all participants. The Franklin County Farm Service Agency Office encourages all eligible participants, especially Socially Disadvantaged Producers, to become involved in this important election process. For more detailed information about the rules and regulations pertaining to the election process, go online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/> - Refer to the "Information for 2006 County Committee Election" icon.

FY-2006 NON-INSURED CROP DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Franklin County Farm Service Agency would like to remind all eligible producers of the requirements for filing a Notice of Loss under the **Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP)**. A Notice of Loss application (CCC-576) must be; **Timely Filed** - Within 15 calendar days after the latter of the occurrence of prevented planting of the end of the planting period, **Properly Filed** - A Notice of Loss can only be accepted on CCC-576 forms, telephone notifications are not acceptable, **For Each Disaster Event** - A Notice of Loss must be filed for each qualifying disaster event, **Each Crop and Type Verified** - Each crop and type affected must be properly documented. If producers that file a Notice of Loss elect not to harvest the crop, **all eligible acres and crop units** in which an application for payment is filed must be left intact until each unit is appraised and released by the Loss Adjuster. In addition **all hand harvested crops must be appraised after harvest** is completed and prior to destruction of the crop. Producers are encouraged to **provide production records for all NAP crops annually to improve their APH yields** in the event a disaster claim is submitted.

2006 BOLL WEEVIL ERADICATION PROGRAM

The Franklin County Farm Service Agency will again assist the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA & CS) with the Boll Weevil Program for FY 2006. Producers must certify their cotton acreage by **June 30, 2006**. The FY 2006 Boll Weevil Assessment Fee will be **\$3.25 per acre**. All bill and collection of Cotton Acreage Assessments will be made by NCDA & CS.

2006 CROP ACREAGE CERTIFICATION REPORTS

June 30, 2006 is the final day to report Corn, Cotton, CRP, Grain Sorghum, Soybeans, Tobacco as well as all remaining cropland. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that all cropland acreage on a farm must be reported timely in order to maintain eligibility for program benefits such as: Direct and Counter-Cyclical Payments, Loan Deficiency Payments, Commodity Loans, Crop Disaster Payments and Conservation Reserve Program Payments. Effective Fiscal Year 2006, planting dates and crop shares and both must be reported the same at your local FSA Office and at your local Crop Insurance Agent's Office. Any differences may affect crop insurance indemnity payments. If producers are still planting crops after the final reporting date, they have 15 days after completing planting to certify that acreage with their local Farm Service Agency Office. Producers that have not certified are asked to please call ahead and provide farm numbers so maps can be pulled to help cut down on your waiting time.

JUNE 30, 2006 DEADLINE APPROACHING TO EXTEND OR RE-ENROLL CRP CONTRACTS EXPIRING 2008-2010

The Franklin County Farm Service Agency is still accepting requests from Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) participants with CRP contracts expiring in FY 2008 – FY 2010 to extend or re-enroll existing contracts into the CRP Program. Eligible participants were notified by letter stating if they were eligible for 2 to 5 year extensions or 10 year re-enrollment. **June 30, 2006 is the final deadline** to extend or re-enroll these contracts. Contact the county office for “CRP Compliance Review Fee” amounts as stated in the letter.

LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT (LDP)

Producers are reminded to file CCC-633-EZ, “Loan Deficiency Payment Agreement and Request,” before loss of beneficial interest, to indicate their intentions to receive Loan Deficiency Payment benefits for the 2006 crop year. A producer is considered to have beneficial interest in the specified quantities if the producer has ALL of the following: Risk of loss in the commodity, title to the commodity and control of the commodity.

2006 DIRECT AND COUNTER CYCLICAL PAYMENT PROGRAM (DCP)

June 1, 2006 was the final date to apply for the 2006 crop year without paying a late filing fee of \$100 per farm. **September 30, 2006** is the last day to accept late-filed applications. Any producers that received 15 day reconstitution notifications must sign-up by the date in your letters to avoid the \$100 late fee.

REMINDERS:

REPORT CHANGES IN FARM OPERATION, OWNERSHIP, ADDRESS OR DIRECT DEPOSIT BANKING INFORMATION.

THE COUNTY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY, JULY 4, 2006 IN CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY.

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